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Father Joseph Murphy, author, historian, is dead

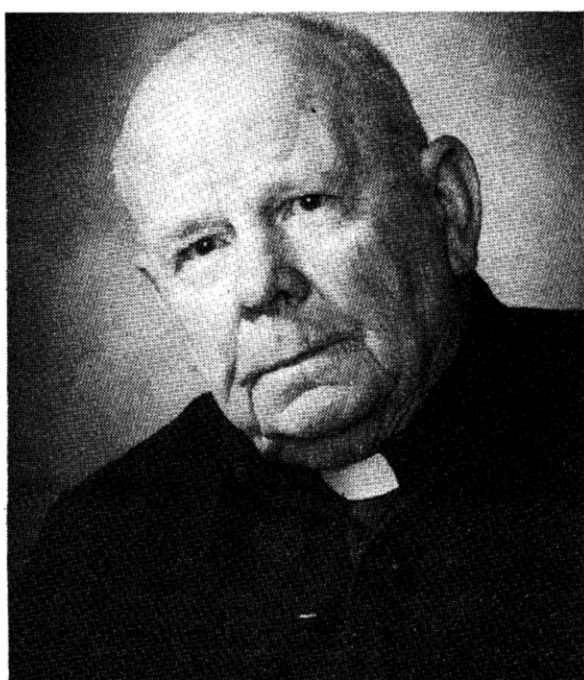
Father Joseph (Francis) Murphy, O.S.B., who spent much of his life chronicling the history of the Potawatomi Tribe and who was an honorary member of the Citizen Band, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 1989, in Pomona, Calif.

He was 78.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 4 p.m. Tuesday at St. Gregory's Abbey, under the direction of Roesch Funeral Chapel. Abbot Charles Massoth, O.S.B. was the principal celebrant. Burial was in the Abbey Cemetery.

Father Murphy was a longtime friend and supporter of the Potawatomi Tribe, and was the author of two books published by the Tribe. He became an adopted Potawatomi by action of the Business Committee on August 27, 1985. On Nov. 6, 1987, he was present as Father Murphy Drive in the elderly housing project was dedicated in his honor.

Father Murphy was born Dec. 1, 1910, in Chattanooga, Okla., the son of William and Ann (Wooldridge) Murphy. He had one sister and three brothers. Father Murphy attended grade school at Chattanooga and at St. Mary's Academy, Lawton. He attended high school in Fletcher, Okla., and at St. Mary's High School in Lawton, graduating as valedictorian of the class of 1927.



FATHER JOSEPH MURPHY

He attended St. Gregory's College, Shawnee, and St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., graduating cum laude in 1932. His theology was also taken at St. John's and he was ordained a

priest on May 31, 1936 by Bishop Francis Clement Kelley.

Father Murphy's assignments at St. Gregory's Abbey and College included: prior of the monastery, professor, treasurer, registrar, rector, vice-president, dean of men, and chairman of the division of social sciences. History was his field, and he received his M.A. from the University of Oklahoma in 1942; his Ph.D. was from the same institution in 1961. In addition, over the years he took courses at Oklahoma State University, U.S.C., Georgetown, Claremont Graduate School, Texas and UCLA.

His Ph.D. dissertation, "Potawatomi Indians of the West: Origins of the Citizen Band," was the basis for the hardback book "Potawatomi of the West: Origins of the Citizen Band," published by the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe in 1988. The tribe also published his 1942 work, "The Benedictine Foundations of Sacred Heart Mission and St. Gregory's Abbey and College" in 1987. In 1974, Father Murphy, published "Tenacious Monks," a centennial history of St. Gregory's Abbey. He was the author of two articles, "Oklahoma" and

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BIA costs Tribe thousands by not investing trust funds

When an Associated Press story about the mismanagement of Indian trust fund funds by the Department of the Interior hit the nation's newspapers in early October, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's contract director, Ed Herndon, started checking numbers right away.

What he found caught his attention: Almost \$3 million in Potawatomi Tribal Trust Funds were lying uninvested at a monthly cost of at least \$22,000.

The wire service story said that an audit had uncovered staggering losses among the trust funds, largely due to sloppy bookkeeping. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

"While with the BIA I was the Investment Coordinator for the five tribes of the Shawnee area for 12 years. As such I saw millions, not thousands, showing up uninvested ... In my former position I made numerous inquiries why this is allowed to happen and it is still hard to believe the number of excuses and explanations I got."

•Ed Herndon
Contract Director
Potawatomi Tribe

manages more than \$1.7 billion dollars belonging to 200 tribes and 290,000 individuals. That money comes from court-ordered monetary awards to the Indians or revenue from oil, and the BIA is charged

with investing it.

The inspector general's audit uncovered the unexplained disappearance of \$17 million as well as other losses. The report said that records of the trust funds were in

such disarray that their accuracy was in question, and called the problems in management and control of the funds pervasive. Although there is no evidence that the \$1.7 was stolen, the report did not rule out that possibility. Another \$19.5 million in actual or potential losses was attributed to poor investment decisions or mismanagement of invested funds.

These problems were not reported to the tribes or individuals. A letter from James Richards, inspector general, to Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan included in the report noted that "The Bureau's practice regarding known losses of

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Gaylon Franklin Buys A Card From Chris Folks



Players Enjoy Clean, Roomy, Modern Surroundings

'Regulars' give Tribal Bingo Hall high marks

They'd like bigger prizes and more "mini" games, but they keep coming, night after night.

They're the regulars at the Potawatomi Tribal Bingo hall, which is just ending its first year under tribal management. Changes have been made in that year, and while the players like some of them, others they could do without.

"They've got a very good hall here and it's improving every day under David's (Qualls, the hall manager) management," said Jackie Markwell of Meeker. She has been there just about every night "since Day 1" and says she has "seen it all." A serious bingo player, she plays to win.

"You've got to make it so people can come out ahead," she says while watching the TV monitor out of the corner of her eye. As she talks, she marks the numbers on her card with one of several "daubers" arrayed about her on the table. She says the management company which was ousted by the tribe last year after years of legal battles were "showmen" who made the game more exciting, but she understands that the tribe is taking a different approach.

"In the old days, the hall was full every night, because they had a guaranteed \$500 game," Markwell said. "Now they say they want to keep it for the little guy. That's great, but some people want to play minis. That's how you draw the crowds."

Minis are single games, where the prize may be 50 percent of the "pot," or some guaranteed amount. About 30 of those games are played early each evening. Occasionally there are special games with big jackpots of \$5,000. But most of the games are the "pack games," where players buy cards for 10 games at a time.

What they're saying...



Bill Clem

"They've fixed it up. It's comfortable. You gotta have a variety of games to keep from getting bored. I got tired of television. I do this for recreation and to keep my wife happy."



Jackie Markwell

"They're open to criticism and new ideas, although there's not much to criticize.. The people are nice, the snack bar is good and people treat me like I want to be treated."

"The odds are against winning on the packs," Markwell contends. "Playing packs is just a social evening. You win on the minis. People want to play mini games and he (Qualls) has improved them ... You gotta have something to lure people, and I'm not talking about a \$50 prize. The average person spends \$50 a night here."

She also likes what she calls "rip offs," a game played on a little card where you pull off tabs in hopes of revealing a winning combination of numbers or pictures. It's like a paper version of a slot machine. "I keep up with the serial numbers," Markwell said, "so I know when there's a winner. It's sort of an art."

Markwell appreciates the fact that "they're open to criticism and new ideas, although there's not much to criticize ... they've gone to great lengths to make this a good hall." The same people play there most of the time, she said, to the

point that they don't have to look up to greet each other — they recognize their voices. Only about half of the 300-400 who usually play are Indians.

What Markwell likes is the fact that "the people are nice, the snack bar is good and people treat me like I want to be treated." On a scale of one to ten, she gives the hall an eight.

Gaylon Franklin claims he judges a bingo hall on "the quality of its hamburger. They do a good hamburger here. Plus I like the idea that it's Indian-owned and Indian-operated. I don't mind spending a few bucks because I know it goes to a good cause."

Franklin is second chief of the neighboring Sac & Fox Tribe, and visits a lot of bingo halls as he travels for his tribe. Although his tribe does not run a bingo hall, it does license one and collects 45 percent of the revenue. "I don't

think tribes should depend on bingo, but if it's handled right, it's a good venture," he said.

"I play about once a week, to relax mostly," Franklin said. "If I win, it just makes it better. It's pleasant here, cool in the summer and warm in the winter. And I see a lot of my relatives here." He says the hall is "a neater operation since the changeover. Although the prizes aren't as high, I understand you have to meet expenses. I expect it will build back up."

When asked if he wins often, Franklin replied that he doesn't "win often enough. I won \$1,900 when the other people had it, and that stimulated my interest. I was just playing at it then; now I'm serious." His favorite game is the Super Century, which he says you can make "anywhere from \$50-250 on."

Franklin too praises "the very
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Players Pay Attention While Numbers Are Called
Answer: Over half as much as Jeopardy...
Question: How much does the hall pay?

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 friendly workers" and the convenience and atmosphere of the hall. "I wouldn't be ashamed to bring my family here."

Several improvements have been made in the hall itself during the past year. A new ceiling has been installed and the interior painted. Neon lights are on order and a smoke ejection system has been installed. There are comfortable, padded seats and a paved parking area now, and Qualls said both Coke and Pepsi products are available at the snack bar. He and the other 37 employees are always open for suggestions from the players.

One person they listen to is Bill Clem of Shawnee, who is not only a regular player — and a winner — but also ran a bingo game for 11 years. He was also a caller when the tribe held its game "up on the hill." He said he had to "call the whole session ... we didn't have minis in those days."

He pauses to mark his card with a florescent dauber. The daubers are fat felt tip markers that are used to punch a circle of color over the number called. No little pieces of paper or plastic markers here; everyone has at least one dauber. "Some only use a certain color,"

Qualls notes. "We sell six colors, but bingo players are superstitious."

Clem may not be superstitious, but he doesn't like the game being called during the interview. "I've never won this game bowtie," he grumbled. "I've won every one of the rest of them." Clem says he's "won big, but I've spent a lot. He won a \$4,000 pot once and has won a \$1,000 pot at the Potawatomi hall recently. And other family members have won.

He too would like to see more minis. "It would be an incentive," he said. But he comes about five nights a week anyway. It's convenient, he says, and "they've fixed it up. It's comfortable, but sometimes the air conditioning is too darned cold." Blackout is his favorite game, but he agrees that "you gotta have a variety of games to keep from getting bored." He says he wins about one out of every four times he plays.

"But it's something to do," he concludes. "I got tired of television. I do this for recreation and to keep my wife happy."

Win or lose, they keep coming back. And somebody is winning. "We will pay out 1½ million dollars this year," Qualls said. "Jeopardy only has a two million dollar prize budget."

Staff Member of the Month

Meet David Qualls, Bingo Hall manager

Quick! What Potawatomi Tribal employee is 27 years old and:

- ✓ Was mayor of Tecumseh for two years.
- ✓ Spent nearly one year as publisher and co-owner of a weekly newspaper in McCloud.
- ✓ Owned his own small business in downtown Tecumseh.
- ✓ And is now manager of the Potawatomi Bingo Hall.

If your answer was David Qualls, you're absolutely correct. He has been an employee of the Bingo Hall since the third day after the Tribe took over the facility last year and he has helped make the hall one of the leaders in what is becoming an increasingly competitive market.

Qualls started out working the cash register and quickly moved up, first to a caller, then to assistant manager. He was appointed manager on July 27 of this year by the Business Committee and has applied his background in business and politics to make the hall a more pleasant, attractive place to play.



David Qualls As Mayor of Tecumseh

And, he admits freely, he has learned a great deal about bingo in the past year or so.

"Now that the court ruling is over, the Bingo Hall is going to be a very important enterprise for the Tribe, just as it was meant to be," says Qualls, adding that revenues generated at the hall are used to support various Tribal programs.

"It's a highly competitive market," he says of bingo. "We have to stay up on marketing. It's like being a Big 4 car dealer in Oklahoma City."

To do that, Qualls says, the Tribe has made a number of improvements at the hall. An enhanced smoke ejection system has been installed along with improvements in the parking lot, the kitchen, and overall lighting. As those things were done and as service improved, Qualls says, there has been a marked improvement in the Tribe's bingo operations.

"It's a night-and-day difference between now and what it used to be. It's been more or less like watching a new-born baby grow. I knew nothing about bingo at the beginning. We've all learned a lot, especially from the players. The players have made us what we are today."

The key to the Bingo Hall's success, says Qualls, is service — personal service.

"This is a service business. We try to offer our players a low-price pack with a decent payoff along with decent service. If he or she doesn't want to, the player doesn't have to get up to do anything. We'll bring him coffee, hand-deliver the sheets, cash checks, and bring the payments.

"We try to be more than fair. It's a fast-paced business. If there's a shadow of a doubt, we go ahead and satisfy the customer. We maintain a read strong and straight operation. Nothing is obstructed. Everything is in plain view. We have six television monitors where they can see they numbers. Anywhere they sit, they can see."

And, he says, Potawatomi Tribal Bingo has the best sound system in the area. "There are speakers in all the corners."

Qualls counts it part of his job to visit other bingo halls from time to time and find out what they're doing. "I've scouted about six bingo halls since I've been manager. Of all the halls I've been in, we've got the most efficient staff." In all, he says, the hall employs about 40 people. It operates seven nights a week with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. It can comfortably accommodate 546 players and capacity is 750.

"We draw from about a four-county area, as far south as Ada and as far west as Oklahoma City. We have players from McAlester, Perkins, Chandler, Stroud, all around."

Qualls says credit for the hall's progress should go to the Business Committee. "We wouldn't have made the progress that we have if it hadn't been for the Business Committee putting the hall on the front burner," he comments.

Qualls lives in Tecumseh with his wife Christine and one daughter. Immediately prior to joining the Bingo Hall staff, he was publisher and co-owner of The McCloud News. He sold his interest in that newspaper. Prior to that, he was owner of Dave's Sandwich Shop in downtown Tecumseh. He was mayor of Tecumseh from May, 1986 through May, 1988.



Bourzho, Niconi
(Hello my friends)

The sudden passing of Fr. Joseph Murphy is a great loss to our Tribe and to me personally. I had the good fortune to call Father Joe a friend and know all who met him at the Councils where he lectured felt his warmth and love for the Potawatomi.

Father Joe, Father Michael Roethler and I traveled to Arizona to meet the Pope two years ago. During the trip, he told stories of our grandfathers and great-grandfathers so real and personal I could almost feel I knew them personally. His wit, humor and compassion augmented his incredible recall of the historical events of our Tribe. Father Joe contributed all of the

many years of research and thousands of pages of documents about the Potawatomi to our Tribal archives.

As a member of the Benedictine monastic community he gave his life to God; to the Citizen Potawatomi, he also gave a most precious gift — our history. This issue of the HowNiKan is dedicated to his memory.

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe and the State of Oklahoma also have lost a great friend and powerful advocate in the recent passing of Charlie Cooper, veteran legislative aide to Congressman Wes Watkins.

All of us owe him a special thanks for the invaluable assistance he gave the Tribe in its fight to get the Tribal Constitution changed to allow us to enroll our children on a descendancy basis. We had been frustrated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at every turn, from the agency level at Shawnee, the area BIA offices in Anadarko, Oklahoma, and finally after two years, in

Washington D.C. We had been forced to hire special attorneys to argue our case with the BIA in Washington and had been turned down time and again.

We finally appealed to Congressman Watkins for help and he let Mr. Charles Cooper, his senior Administrative Aid, come to our assistance. A veteran of many many years of Capitol Hill legislative work, he was the consummate professional. He knew how and why the "system" worked — and most especially how to make it move. We were not even able to get an appointment to meet with the people at the BIA to argue our case. When we would call they would say no one was there who could meet with us. We would make appointments and fly all the way to Washington, at great expense to the Tribe, and they would cancel meetings and refuse to talk to us. We had been given every kind of "run around" possible.

Charlie got on the phone and started at the top, demanding action, scheduling meetings, and

following up on every promise the bureaucrats made to make sure we did not get lied to again. He presented our case to other Congressmen and Senators' staff members, garnering support from every possible source. He was, at the direction of Congressman Watkins, our true champion. He could and did get the job done.

All of you who are new members of the tribe should never forget the name Charlie Cooper. All of us who were so hopeful that we would assure the continued history of our great Tribe by seeing our children as members, and who experienced years of frustration and anger from high-handed abuse at the hands of arrogant BIA bureaucrats, will never forget him.

Megwetch, Father Joe and Charlie Cooper, go with God, your memory lives on.

John Barrett



In your opinion ...

Hearing aid check brought happiness

HowNiKan,

My Dear Indian Brothers,
I received the check for my hearing aid. I just don't know how to thank you. But thank you anyhow.

My wife is home now and she is on that home dialysis and will be for the rest of her life. We have to change her bags of medicine 4 times a day I am not a young man, 72 years and it is quite a job. But the doctors say I am doing a real good job.

When I opened your letter you will never know how happy it made me feel to know that I have good brothers. All I can say is thank you so much.

Donald J. Nourie

Family information is appreciated

HowNiKan,

I enjoyed getting to meet you when my husband and I dropped by the Tribal Office on July 12. You suggested that you would be able to contact tribal members for me and I certainly appreciate that.

I am enclosing two letters which I would like for you to address and forward for me. I am seeking to exchange family information with these women and wrote on the letters to each one that I asked you to do this.

The letter to Violet Page is in response to the HowNiKan Scrapbook

Tell us your Christmas story

What's your favorite Christmas story?

No, not Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer — *your* favorite Christmas story, one about you or some member of your family. Perhaps it happened when you were a little tyke, or perhaps it has to do with the time everyone finally got back together for Christmas. Or maybe it's one your grandmother or grandfather told you about Christmas way back when.

The HowNiKan would like to share it with the

members of your tribe in the Christmas (December) edition, but we have to have your help to do that. Please take a few minutes to jot it down on a piece of paper and send it to:

The HowNiKan
1901 Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Please get started now. Time's passing and we have to have your story by early December.

article on the Melot Family which appeared May, 1989.

The letter to Norma Dean is in response to the HowNiKan Scrapbook article "Bourassa-Bergeron matriarch's genealogy recalled" which appeared July, 1989.

Thank you so much for printing family information. It really helps us get families together as well as understand the personal family histories involved.

Donna J. Moody
Phoenix, Ariz.

The letters were forwarded - Editor.

He's interested in craftwork

HowNiKan,

Our secretary just returned from a trip to California where she visited with her son. Her son married a young lady of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi. I became immediately

interested because I have been trying to obtain some Potawatomi craftwork for our collection of American Indian art. Our secretary brought back some copies of the HowNiKan from which I got your address. The mailing address on the newspaper was addressed to a Rodney Craig Coleman, also of California, and I believe the brother of the young lady I mentioned above.

I am enclosing a money order for the following items.

One-year subscription to your newspaper.

One copy of the book, "Tell Me A Story"

Please address the newspaper and book to me personally to insure proper delivery. I am also interested in purchasing craftwork such as beaded medallion necklaces, moccasins, dance rattles, fans and anything else Potawatomi that is made locally in Shawnee. Please send me a price list if one is available. Or, if it would be easier, just-give me a phone num-

ber and someone's name and I will call.

Thank you for your attention and I hope to hear from you soon.

David Carbaugh
Warren City Schools
Warren, Ohio

'Origins' sent to Missouri

HowNiKan,

As per your publication that a copy of Potawatomi Of the West: Origins of the Citizens Band would be sent to the public library, please send a copy of you can in the name of my deceased husband, Gary E. Garner to:

Cindy Smith, Librarian
Nevada Public Library
225 W. Austin
Nevada, Mo. 64772.

Thanking you in advance for this wonderful gift,

Janice Kay Garner
Nevada, Mo.

A big day in Big D!



Vice Chairman-Administrator Jim Young With Lindsay Schoemann, The Youngest Girl At The Dallas Regional Council



Young With Joshua Dorries, The Youngest Boy To Attend The Regional Council In Dallas



Chairman John Barrett Greets A Double Winner, Vern Perry of Denison, Texas. Perry Was The Smartest And Traveled The Longest Distance

Tribal officials one-third through Regional Councils for this year

After a visit to the Dallas area on Oct. 21, Potawatomi tribal officials are about one-third through the Regional Council schedule for 1989-90.

The following schedule, by the way, varies somewhat from the one which appeared in the last issue of the HowNiKan. One meeting has been postponed, another rescheduled and dates changed on others so that meetings could be held on Sunday rather than Saturday. Please note the corrected dates.

No Regional Councils will be held until after the holiday season. The next Regional Council Meeting will be held in San Jose, California, on Jan. 6. That date was first set up

for the tribe's first Regional Council in the East, planned for Orlando, Florida. However, said Programs Administrator Jim Young, advance notice requirements during the upcoming holiday season have made it necessary to postpone that trip and reschedule it for sometime later in the spring.

Young noted that the Florida meeting was requested by several tribal members in that part of the country. "Normally, we don't plan one for less than 100 people," Young said, "because of the cost. It will take more than just the tribal members in the Orlando area to make this one a success. Tribal members in neighboring states should plan to attend also." He said advance notice of plans to attend will be important to assure enough participation.

The 1990 census

Make sure you count for the Tribe!

Claiming your Indian blood on the Census helps with funding

In October of 1989 the new 1990 Census Questionnaire will go to press and turn out more than 150 million copies. Starting in March, 1990, a copy of this questionnaire will go to every home in the United States, for an estimated 106 million homes. The plan is for the questionnaire to be in every home by Census Day, April 1, 1990, allowing time to be filled out and returned in April. This is no easy task. Within more densely populated metro areas, the questionnaire will go out as regular mail, but to those homes in very rural areas such as Indian reservations and rural border communities, many will be hand delivered. The Census Bureau estimates they will require the help of 350,000 temporary "Census Takers," not only to develop a master mailing list, but to deliver the questionnaires, and follow-up with those homes that do not fill out and return the questionnaires. The Census Bureau is working with Indian Tribal leaders and will appoint Indian Tribal liaisons to assist with the census taking within Indian Country. The Census Bureau is also encouraging Indians to apply for these temporary census jobs. A spokes-

person for the Census Bureau stresses the importance of an accurate count of Indian people and those who identify themselves with their Indian heritage. "A complete count of the Indian population is vital. There is a saying...the census is only important if you think 'political power' and money power are important to your group." The census is used to assure equal representation in federal, state and local governments. In addition, the number derived from the census are used in planning for the future and to account for changes in racial groups and their needs over a period of time. Not only does the federal government use these numbers to allocate funds and services, but state, local and county governments also base the allocation of their resources based on these figures. What this means for Indians is that a low or inaccurate count of the Indian population can mean the loss of badly needed money and services.

For more information contact:
1990 Census Promotion Office
U. S. Census Bureau
Room 2733-3
Washington, D. C. 20233
or call (301) 763-1921

Revised Regional Council Schedule

San José Saturday, Jan. 6
Tulsa Sunday, Jan. 28
Phoenix Saturday, Feb. 24
Kansas City Sunday, March 25
Long Beach Saturday, April 21
Houston Sunday, May 6

HowNiKan donations

Teresa Anne Fehlig, Oklahoma - \$5
Myra Ness, Texas - \$10
Roy E. Paslay, Roy E. Paslay, Jr., Lexie Paslay, Timothy Paslay, Lesa Joiner, Kansas - \$20
LaVera Soelter, Washington State - \$10
Michael and Erma Pozzobon, Washington State, \$20
Margaret Geraldine Allen, Oregon - \$15



Father Murphy With Chairman Barrett at Dedication of Joe Murphy Drive



Father Murphy Speaks To Historical Society

Walking On

Father Joseph Murphy dies

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"Isidore Robot" for the Catholic Encyclopedia.

Assignments away from the Abbey included pastor of St. Benedict's Church, Montebello, Calif. 1953-56, and pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, Konawa, Okla., in 1960, where he did most of the writing of his doctoral thesis on the Potawatomie Indians.

Father Murphy was also an avid "supply" priest on weekends. From 1941 he assisted on weekends quite regularly at Fort Sill in Lawton and was given special honors in 1966 for 25 years of service. He continued this service even until recent months. He was a popular history professor and many times he was chosen "Teacher of the

Year" by the students of St. Gregory's College.

He celebrated 50 years of profession in 1980 and 50 years of priesthood in 1986. These last years he has been retired, enjoyed good health and loved to take long walks.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister and three brothers, but a host of alumni, relatives and friends will long remember him.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Benedict's Church, Montebello, Calif. Saturday, Oct. 21, where he had been pastor (1953-1956), before his body was brought to Shawnee. Father Murphy was on vacation in California when on July 13, he suffered a ruptured esophagus. Infections and complications caused a steady decline in health.



Father Murphy Walks Through Gate At Sacred Heart Cemetery



Father Murphy Addresses Annual Tribal Council

Charles M. Cooper, friend of Tribe, dies at 63

Charles M. Cooper, 63, a Texas-born Oklahoma newsman who was a lobbyist, political advisor and top congressional aide to U.S. Reps. Wes Watkins and Clem McSpadden, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1989. He had undergone heart surgery in a suburban Washington hospital.

Cooper had been instrumental in helping the Potawatomi Tribe on numerous occasions and was especially helpful in assisting the Tribe in obtaining approval to hold a referendum to change to the descendency method of enrollment.

"Cooper was more than a staffer, he was a trusted personal friend," Watkins said, "a bank of institutional knowledge, a great writer and a fine father figure to the staff."

"Cooper was a news person who told it like it was," McSpadden said. "He was respected by elected officials and his readers."

Cooper worked in two gubernatorial, two senatorial and three congressional campaigns. He lobbied for free markets, petroleum and agriculture. For six years he served as press secretary and administrative assistant to Rep. Watkins and headed Rep. McSpadden's



office when the powerful Congressional Rural Caucus was formed.

"He was an effective champion of rural Oklahoma," Watkins said.

Known as a humorist pundit, in an eighteen-year news career, Cooper was the editor of the *Pryor Daily Times* and worked for newspapers at Temple, Anadarko and Antlers. Together with his wife Allene Bary-Cooper, an artist-writer-photographer, he produced *The Homeplace: A Gathering of Voices*, a coffee-table book on rural America.

A capitol correspondent for *World Oil*, Cooper was a Washington lobbyist/writer/public relations director for the Independent Petroleum Association of America from 1975-77. He served as public relations director 1981-1983 for the America Agriculture Movement and was the associate editor of the *AAM Reporter* at the time of his death. He was a board member of the American Family Farm Foundation.

In Oklahoma, he helped expose the 1964-65 asphalt price fixing case that led to court judgements for the state while Cooper worked for the Oklahoma Good Roads and Streets Association. He also was a state highway department employee.

Candidates whom Cooper advised were U.S. Senator Fred R. Harris, U.S. Reps. Toby Morris and Ed Edmondson, Attorney General Larry Derryberry, Keith Cartwright, Preston Moore and Clyde A. Wheeler, Jr.

Cooper served two active duty tours in the Navy, was commander of two American Legion Posts, was a Mason, and earned a college degree in Texas.

Survivors include his widow, Allene Bary-Cooper, four children and seven grandchildren.

Sacred Heart Quarterly

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Summer Was A Good Time At Sacred Heart

Our work at Sacred Heart has accomplished a lot this summer. The mission grounds are looking good despite the abundance of rainfall. The mowing in the early summer just about got ahead of us. Our need for a tractor-mower became very apparent when the grass in parts of the grounds had grown to knee-high in a very short time.

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe came to our aid and sent a work crew down with three tractors to help

Greetings From Sacred Heart

us catch up. This allowed us to concentrate on other projects that would have otherwise had to have been postponed. Dug Higdon and the Ada Chapter of the Knights of Columbus have been coming regularly to mow and trim both the Sisters' and the Priests' cemeteries.

The St. Gregory's Chapter of the Knights of Columbus came and spent a day cleaning at Benedict Springs. Brother Benedict and Fr. Pat supervised the group while they were there. Kathy Lowry and Jeanie Lehman served them hamburgers for lunch.

We have been able to work on the septic system for the trailer house but still haven't hooked up the water. We are optimistic that we will have water for the trailer very soon.

We were also able to work on the small cabin. We had all the windows replaced, front and back door repaired, and replaced the floor with lumber from the partition in the garage. This cabin is in fair condition but we still have some work on the two-story log cabin. When sufficient funds are available, we will begin work.

Bob Dunning, contractor, is working on the bakery windows. The frames have to be custom built, but we

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Father Joseph Murphy, Author, Passes At 78

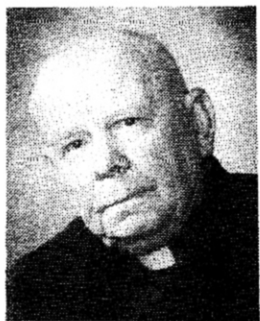
The Rev. Joseph (Francis) Murphy, O.S.B., whose publications about Sacred Heart College help preserve the history of an era, died Thursday, Oct. 19. He was 78.

Death came at Pomona Valley Community Hospital in Pomona, Calif. He had been visiting friends and relatives in California when his esophagus ruptured on July 13. He later underwent surgery and remained in critical condition until his death.

As a historian, he was the author of two books. "Tenacious Monks," published in 1974, and "Potawatomi Of The West: Origins of The Citizen Band," published in 1988.

"Tenacious Monks" was the centennial history of St. Gregory's Abbey, which was preceded by Sacred Heart. The work on the Potawatomi Tribe was published after he gave publication rights to the Citizen Band for his doctoral thesis, which was written and accepted by the University of Oklahoma in 1961.

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One Of The Sacred Heart Baseball Teams

Courtesy, Archives & Manuscripts Division, The Oklahoma Historical Society

Plays Were A Treat At Sacred Heart

By Mrs. Marcella Phillips
(Copyright, 1953)

"Since few professional entertainers got out this far from the railroad, the occasional plays and entertainment by the students of Sacred Heart college or Saint Mary's academy drew large and enthusiastic audiences. Many of them were really good. I have taken a minor role in a few myself.

"With Gregory Gerrer (not yet a priest) as the director, the music was especially good. He could play almost any instrument — keyboard, wind or string. I believe he could have distinguished himself as a musician, just as he did as an artist, had he so chosen.

"After the mission and the church burned, one of the social events was the church fair, held annually, to raise funds to build a new parish church. During the fair, the walls and tables were covered with fancy work, pictures, donated by members of the parish, to be sold. A supper was served by the ladies each night, and it seemed to me those ladies already know all there was to know about cooking. The fair lasted three nights, and always wound up with a

Remember Sacred Heart - II

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contest for the most popular young lady.

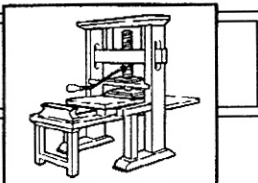
"Once the nominees were Anna Seck and my sister, Mary Grove. The Secks and Groves were the best of friends, and things started out rather slowly, until a certain Jim Smith began acting as a self-appointed campaign manager for Anna Seck. He acted in such a way as to get Mary's followers sore

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Current Events

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| Nov. 4 | Mission Clean-up.
Everyone welcome. |
| Nov. 12 | Sacred Heart
Thanksgiving Dinner
Parish Hall
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Adults \$4, children \$2 |
| Jan 12, 1990 | Board of Directors meeting,
Sacred Heart Mission
Historical Society,
Parish Hall, 2:00 p.m. |
- Group tours available upon request. Call 925-2171, 925-3105 or 374-2867.

LETTERS TO THE QUARTERLY



She Wants Information On Her Great-Grandmother

Dear Society,

I am trying to locate information concerning my great-grandmother. Your organization hopefully can help me.

Her name was Annie Rebecca Smith born in 1864 in Indian Territory in OK. Her father was William Edwards Chisholm. I am assuming she probably entered the mission school around 1870. We think she attended all eight grades there.

Any information would really be appreciated. I am enclosing \$10 as either reimbursement for any copying and/or a donation.

Hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Linda Mink

H.C. 69 Box 3500

Cambridge, ID 83610

Editors Note: All records were destroyed in the fire of 1901. If anyone has any information, please contact us.

She Wants To Tour Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Mission,

Enclosed find my application and check for \$5 for membership.

We are interested and always have been in Sacred Heart. I have several relatives buried in what I guess you would call the old cemetery.

Our name was Wesselhoft — Mary Sr. the mother and Mary Jr. the daughter.

My name was Pearce - Christopher Pearce was my father.

We have a group of people in our Catholic Church called "The Golden Agers" that would like to come over there some time and take your tour — if we knew a little more about who to see and where to come to.

It has been so many years since we were there — I was just a child, so I don't remember too much about it. My sisters went to the Convent over there. Also my two nieces, Wauneta and Eva Roberts.

Patricia R. Vandagriff (Pearce)

Editors Note: Phone numbers are listed under "Current Events". Would love to have you come and visit the mission.

Thanks For The Information

Dear Ms. Lowry,

Thank you very much for your help with our attempts to locate information on Kate Barnard. If you ever encounter any further information please inform us.

Lynn R. Musslewhite, Chairman

Department of History and Humanities

Cameron University

2800 West Gore

Lawton, Oklahoma 73505-6377

Greetings From Sacred Heart

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had an original frame to use as a pattern. Chuck and Patty Carson have done considerable research on restoration of the bakery oven. We hope to eventually restore the oven to working condition.

We also hung our new ornamental gate built by Ron and Tim Lowry at the entrance of the mission. It makes the entrance more attractive although it is currently awaiting a coat of paint. The C.V.E.T. class at Konawa High School with instructor Jim Williams has been reworking the rock wall at the entrance.

We are thankful to all who worked on or contributed to these projects, for without their generosity, we could never accomplish so much. If you have not visited the mission lately, you should come and see the progress.

The work on Sacred Heart Road is scheduled to begin before the end of the year from Highway 39 north in front of the church and on to Highway 59. It will be repaved and brought up to state specifications. This has been needed for a long time.

Billy Lehman completed 120 hours of training required to be a certified Reserve Deputy in July, 1989. He is now a certified Reserve Deputy for Pottawatomie County and we are very proud of him. It is a great personal commitment to complete this training but very much needed to assist our needs on the Security Patrol at Sacred Heart.

There are many projects that we want to tackle but we have to work on our priorities first and only as resources permit us. We are optimistic about the future, what it holds in store for us and will continue to work toward the goals of the Historical Society.

Sacred Heart Mission Historical Society

FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1989

INCOME:

Balance Checking Account	
- General Fund 7-1-88	\$2,952.58
Membership Dues - General Fund	1,560.00
Contributions	778.00
Funds Contributed from Turkey Shoot	325.50
St. Gregory's Fencing Cost Reimbursement	814.98
Tour Donations	11.80
Pecan Sales	20.00
Interest Income Checking Account	111.36
Total Income Gen. Fund	\$6,574.22
Lifetime Membership	
- Perpetual Fund	\$2,250.00
Interest Income	136.11
Total Income Perp. Fund	\$2,386.11
Donation Trailer Home	
- Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians	
Appraised Value	\$ 500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,460.33

EXPENSES:

Membership Dues: Catholic Historical Society	
and Okla. Historical Society	\$ 25.00
Postage	130.75
Sacred Heart Quarterly Newsletter	1,400.00
Internal Revenue (Tax Exempt Status)	335.00
Fencing Supplies	814.98
Statehood Days Booth & Supplies	40.88
Mission Repair Supplies	237.99
Copier Repair	87.80
Ledger Books	77.50
Reference Books	58.25
Clean Up Days	
(Meals and Drinks for Volunteers)	50.14
Utilities	84.31
Annual Picnic Supplies	78.01
Trailer Hookup (Sewer)	186.78
Bldg. Repair	168.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,775.39

ASSETS

FIXED ASSETS:	
Trailer Home	500.00
GENERAL FUND:	
Total Checking Account	2,798.83
PERPETUAL FUND:	
Total Savings	715.17
Certificate of Deposit #8655	1,670.94
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,684.94
<i>General Fund is used for everyday expenses, office supplies, etc., and publishing the Sacred Heart Quarterly. Perpetual Fund is for perpetual maintenance of Mission site.</i>	
Membership	195
Patron	36
Lifetime	2
Total	240

Father Joseph Murphy

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The book on the Potawatomi was the second of his works published through the Citizen Band. The tribe published "Benedictine Foundations of Sacred Heart Mission and St. Gregory's abbey and College" in 1987.

"These last years he has been retired and has enjoyed good health and loved to take long walks," said Abbot Charles Massoth, O.S.B., the top official of St. Gregory's Abbey. "His mother, father, sister and three brothers preceded him in death, but he has a host of alumni, relatives and friends who will long remember him."

The Mass of Christian Burial was said at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at St. Gregory's Abbey Church with Abbot Charles as the principal celebrant. Burial was in the Abbey cemetery.

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Two Sisters With Their Young Charges At Sacred Heart

Marie: A Soul Touched By The Hand Of God

Her story began on November 3, 1905, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She was the last of four children to be born to Martin Mullen and Mary De Lescaille, being preceded in birth by two older brothers, Roy and Bill, and a sister, Anna.

Soon after her birth her mother died, and so that his children might have a mother, her father remarried. Within a short time, however, her father also passed away. The step-mother, having children of her own, felt incapable of supporting the Mullens. It is unclear how the two boys were cared for, but Roy eventually managed to graduate from Davidson College, served in the Air Force in the two World Wars, and the Department of State. Bill became a professional musician.

The Sisters of Mercy stepped in, however, and accepted the two small girls at St. Mary's Academy, at Sacred Heart, Oklahoma. Marie was still practically an infant at the time. Sister Mary Vincent, later called by Bishop Victor Reed one of the great Catholic pioneer women of Oklahoma, had Marie placed in a crib in her own room, to assure that the frail baby would be properly cared for.

The first few years were not easy. The young child once caught pneumonia and barely survived. Eventually, strong and healthy, Marie and her sister Anna, both vivacious and mischievous, became a source of frequent joy and occasional trauma to the convent and academy. Jerry Manning, who was to become Marie's husband, once recalled how when he was eighteen he witnessed Marie "steal the show" as a six-year-old in a little play at the Academy. No doubt the seeds of his love were sown at that time.

As Marie grew up, the Sisters of Mercy assured her an excellent education. The names of the Sisters who helped raise her or with whom she worked throughout the years are legion. To name only a few: Sister Mary Vincent, Ambrose, Gertrude, Alphonsus, De Sales, Rita, Geraldine, Clotilde, Alicia, Beatrice, and many others.

At times when Sister Vincent would travel out of state she would take Marie with her, to expose her to the culture not available in a remote area such as Sacred Heart. At the same time, noting Marie's musical talent, she saw to it that the young girl received lessons in piano, violin, and voice. Somewhere along the line her piano skills were extended to mastery of the pipe organ.

Sister Mary Beatrice recalls a charming episode from Marie's life as a young girl at the Academy. "From the Sisters of Mercy's humble beginning in

About This Article...

EDITORS

Sacred Heart Quarterly:

Sometime ago Sister Mary Beatrice asked me to write a biography of my mother, Marie Manning, which of course I was honored and happy to do.

Sister felt that since mother was one of the early graduates of St. Mary's Academy at Sacred Heart, and one of its distinguished alumni in terms of her service to the church, her story would be of interest to readers of the Sacred Heart Quarterly.

When I finished the biography I felt that it was too long for your newspaper, but Sister Mary Beatrice said no, it was too short, and she had some other remembrances she wanted to add, which she did.

At any rate, I am enclosing the biography, and hope that you will be able to use it, perhaps by publishing it in two or more parts.

Also enclosed is my contribution for the year.

Very truly yours,

Frank Manning
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

1884 a precedent was started when each Christmas the Sisters at St. Mary's Academy Sacred Heart, Indian Territory, invited parents, relatives, and friends to a program which consistently proved to be remarkable.

The parents were always thrilled to see their "pride and joy" perform at this yearly event. Coming together at these functions created strong bonds of friendship which lasted through the years as daughters and granddaughters followed their mother as students at St. Mary's.

After the program everyone was welcome to stay, not only for a reception but a true family reunion. New students' parents would become acquainted with all. Such social functions helped the Sisters, the girls, and all who attended. Everyone enjoyed themselves and a very close sense of family kinship was established.

At such programs parents would comment on the progress their child had made since the prior year, not only in performance skills and academically, but also physically, and especially in their

social development."

Having the Sisters as her "mother," Marie Manning also participated in these programs for parents and over the years, in Sister's words, "proved herself to be like a Queen of the keys. Her playing reminded me of a picture, a painting of Saint Cecilia playing the organ so beautifully that the angels began dropping flowers from heaven in return for the love and devotion that Marie put into her music while playing for the Lord."

In her own words, Sister Mary Alphonsus Spreckelmeyer tells us of one of her experience:

"During one of these programs Marie had performed one of her most outstanding pieces. When she finished she received a long standing ovation. She walked with such beautiful grace before the audience, made a cute little curtsy and, smiling from ear to ear, announced: 'The credit for my musical development must begin with Sister Mary Alphonsus, who guided my little fingers. This must also include many other Sisters who had a part in my success.'

"Her big sweet smile letting her happy soul shine through her graceful body, Sister's story continues. The young girl said: 'You must realize, the credit for my success in this performance must go to my beloved Sisters who taught me how to love and express my feelings through this melodious music.'

"The many Sisters who knew her have fond memories of the many times Marie gave their 'egos' a big boost by her sincere remarks."

The Sisters, not unexpectedly, hoped that Marie would have vocation to the religious life. After graduation, she continued to live at the Academy and teach music to the students at St. Mary's, while struggling with the vocation question. She came to realize that she was not cut out to be a nun, but remained in her teaching position at Sacred Heart until about the time of the death of Sister Vincent. Then in 1933, at the age of 27, she married Jerry Manning and moved to Oklahoma City.

From that time until only a few years before her death she would pursue two "full time" vocations, and fulfill each wondrously well, that of wife and mother, and that of church organist. Throughout the fifty years of their marriage, she and Jerry would be an inseparable team, she playing the organ and directing the choir, he singing tenor or bass, as needed.

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at him, and then things warmed up.

"Votes at a penny each started pouring in. First one, then the other would be ahead. This kept on until most of us were broke. Finally, the master of ceremonies said the voting would close in three minutes. I was broke, and Anna was ahead about \$1.25. Secks' store was just across the street from the hall, so I ran across and asked Philip Seck, Anna's father, to loan me \$5. "Yah," he said. "I just got \$5 here. I'll let you have it." I ran back across the street to the hall with it, and met Fred Seck coming across to the store. The voting closed with Mary in the lead. Fred Seck said: "Yes, you beat us, with our own money."

"The boys and young men were more interested in athletic competition than they seem to be today. When a bunch gathered together, you would likely see a foot race, or jumping contest or horseshoe-pitching games. Baseball, then as now, was the national sport, and there were teams throughout the county. There were some outstanding players, but due to slower transportation a team had to be chosen from a rather limited area. Therefore some positions had to be filled without choice. If a team lacks a player today, they get a good one from 15 or 20 miles distant, to drive to the game and play for that day.

"Sacred Heart college was the exception though. They nearly always had a good team, and since there was no other school team near, they had to be content to play the local 'sandlot-ers.' They usually won their games easily but when they met Asher, they had their hands full. Asher was a great little baseball town, and their team could meet the college nine on an even footing. The low scores of Sacred Heart teams' opponents were attributed mostly to Mike McDowl's skill as a pitcher. Claude Wychulis

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(Father Jerome of Sacred Heart now) played shortstop, and Brousseau was catcher. Both were good and worth watching. The neighborhood boys at Georgetown also had a good team.

"Possibly you girls wonder how your grandmother dressed, when she was a girl. Being a mere man, I'll leave that up to some of the ladies. To you boys, who are wondering what your grandfather wore in his day, I'll say men's styles don't change so fast as women's, but we did wear some clothes that you don't see now.

"If you want to laugh at some of them it's all right with me. I feel like laughing at some of them myself, but not at the narrow pointed toe shoes that the well dressed man was ex-

pected to wear. I have corns yet today that started in those shoes. The shoes came in tan, black, oxblood and patent leather. The patent leather looked fine for awhile, but the patent expired too quickly, leaving a network of cracks.

"Hats were much the same as they are today, except for the stiff straw sailor, that some wore in summer, and an occasional stiff derby hat, of felt.

"Shirts were made without collar and cuffs, and sometimes it was quite a job to attach the separate items. We held our chins up, though, when we did get the collars on. Some collars were 1 3/4 inches high, and did not have room between the wings to knot

a tie. We also had the celluloid collar that looked almost like linen, and was a great convenience, as it could be wiped clean with a damp cloth. However, to wear one was considered to mark you as a 'rube' or backwoodsman, and since that was just what we were, we were sensitive about carrying the brand.

"The real 'turtleneck' sweater has also disappeared. It had a collar about a foot long, worn rolled up around the neck, but could be pulled over the ears and mouth. It was a pretty handy thing, on a real cold day, when walking home.

"Neckties ranged from small bow ties to flowing cravats about seven inches wide.

"If you wanted to be a real 'swell' it called for a silk vest, low-cut with braided lapels and bright little flowers or figures embroidered on it.

"We also had the 'peg-top' and 'English cut' pants with tight legs.

"You may have an old grandmother, her hair turning grey. Her face may show some wrinkles and she does not move around as spry as you. She is sweet and good and you love her a lot, but it is hard to imagine her as a laughing, care-free girl. Yet that of course is just what she was—just as gay and fun-loving as you are, and just as pretty.

"Crusty old Grandpa, sitting in his easy chair, for all his solemn looks now, was just as 'harum-scarum' and 'devil-may-care' as the young scamp who takes you to the picture show today.

"So there you have the young people of 50 years ago. Basically, we were no different from the boys and girls of today."

You can help Sacred Heart Historical Society

The Sacred Heart Historical Society is by no means an exclusive Indian group. Its membership is broad-based and includes interested citizens from many walks of life.

It is dedicated to preserving and restoring the Sacred Heart Mission in south Pottawatomie County. The mission is one of the truly significant landmarks in the history of the Potawatomi Tribe and especially of the Citizen Band.

From time to time, the HowNiKan has republished copies of the Sacred Heart Quarterly, the society's publication. Most if not all of the articles in the Quarterly pertain to ancestors of current tribal members.

Those who join the society receive a copy of the Quarterly as part of their membership. Dues are low. If you would like to be a part of this worthy group dedicated to preserving a major part of our history, fill out and return the form on the left.

Membership Application - Sacred Heart Historical Society

Return To Sacred Heart Mission, P.O. Box 122, Konawa, OK 74849

Check Membership Desired

- ☐ Students\$5 per year
- ☐ Sr. Citizens...\$5 per year
- ☐ Individual....\$10 per year
- ☐ Family.....\$25 per year
- ☐ Business....\$50 per year
- ☐ Life.....\$250

NAME: _____

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TELEPHONE: _____

NAMES OF FAMILY MEMBERS (For Family Membership): _____

I pledge to support the Sacred Heart Mission Historical Society in their efforts to preserve, restore, maintain and care for the Sacred Heart Mission grounds. I have enclosed \$ _____ for my annual membership.

Signature _____

NATIONAL NEWS

High percentage of firefighting crews are Indians

Almost a quarter of the 25,000 firefighters who have been fighting the raging wildfires in Idaho, Washington and Oregon are Native Americans and make up the more than 300 20-man crews from Indian reservations around the country. When coupled with their Bureau of Indian Affairs counterparts, the total number of Indians involved makes up more than a quarter of the active personnel involved in fighting fires nationwide. Tribal firefighters have been paid almost \$25 million through the BIA for their efforts.

"We read and hear of the brave excellence of the men and women around the country who risk their lives daily to save our forests and protect the lives of other people, but we seldom hear, the Native Americans are in the forefront of the effort," Interior Assistant Secretary Eddie Brown said. "The Indian firefighters have been there for a long time and are some of the bravest, smartest, best-trained and best-equipped in this country and I am proud to pay tribute to them." The 1989 wildfire fighting efforts of Indian crews marks the second consecutive year that tribal crews have led the efforts in helping to control fires principally in the western United States.

Indian veterans to lead Goodwill Games ceremony

Seattle, Wash. — Color guards comprised of American Indian military veterans will lead opening ceremonies for the 1990 Goodwill Games in Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Kennewick, Wash. The Goodwill Games are expected to be viewed by more than one billion people worldwide, organizers said.

Native American participation in the opening ceremonies is being coordinated through a newly formed organization, Northwest Indian Veterans Association (NWIVA), according to Mac C. Oreiro, Jr., a spokesman for the group.

The veterans organization, which joins a growing list of regional Indian veterans groups, has been formed to address the needs of Native American veterans that are not being met by existing agencies, including health care, housing, job training, mental health and family services, Oreiro said.

"So many of us are saying that many of the Native American warriors are being forgotten,"

Oreiro said. "During the last four or five months some of us have been asking critical questions of federal and state service providers. The Indian Health Service people do not know how to treat and care for some of the veterans.

Membership in NWIVA so far includes Native American veterans from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and British Columbia, he said.

Oreiro called on tribes and urban Indian organizations in the region to support the group by passing along information, donating money and helping to organize the group.

"Many of us Indian veterans are stepping in and assisting service agencies to become more successful helping our people.

"We are past the hurt and anger," Oreiro said. "Only we can help our own. All we need is a little help from our friends."

Oreiro is asking tribes and urban Indian programs to identify a contact person in their organization, and to send a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of tribal veterans to him at Northwest Indian Veterans Association, P.O. Box 4570 Rollingbay, WA 90001. Members of the organization will be available to present orientations to reservation and urban Indian communities, he said.

Martin selected to take command at Haskell J.C.

Lawrence, Kans. - Robert G. Martin, a 42-year-old educator with a history of rescuing troubled institutions has taken command of Haskell Junior College.

He takes office after a long period of tension, conflicts and belt-tightening at the institution, which has trained many of the leaders of American Indian tribes and which many of them say represents the best hope for young Indians.

Haskell, a 105-year-old institution with an enrollment of about 800 students on a 320-acre campus, is the only liberal arts college run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Martin arrived at the school on Sept. 25. He succeeded Gerald Gipp, whom the bureau reassigned to a post in Washington after an investigation cleared Gipp of charges of improper conduct.

Faculty members and others at Haskell say they eagerly await Martin's arrival and endorse his appointment.

"I'm very pleased," said Dan Wildcat, a sociology professor who is president of the campus's Local 45 of the National Federation of

Federal Employees. "By accepting the job, Martin is taking one tremendous responsibility, but people here genuinely feel he's the man who can do what needs to be done."

Wildcat had an often adversarial relationship with Gipp, whose management style he termed "autocratic."

The investigation of Gipp focused on allegations of nepotism that grew of the treatment his daughter received from school administrators, including raising a failing grade in one course to passing.

Other problems on the campus involved charges of violations of student rights, including surprise inspections of living quarters, as well as faculty complaints about regimentation and lack of academic freedom.

Aggravating the tensions, Wildcat and others said, was belt-tightening that had resulted in the elimination or reduction of course schedules in some departments, including building trades and graphic arts.

Martin previously was president of the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, N. M., a post-secondary vocational and technical school that was recently accredited to offer two-year, junior-college-level associate of science degrees.

When Martin arrived in Albuquerque in 1981, the school was threatened with closure because of low enrollment and poor rates of job placement for graduates. But he did not bow to plans for closing the school, his associates there recall; instead, he added courses and generated support from business advisory committees.

At the same time, one associate recalled, Martin found time to help another troubled institution run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. He served as its acting president for five months in 1986.

"He saved S.W.I.P.I. when it was almost closed," said Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, a former regent of the Santa Fe school, "and he pulled us through some hard times."

Robert Gene Martin was born Nov. 28, 1946, in Pryor, Okla., the son of a white mother and a Cherokee father. He is an honors graduate with B.A. and M.A. degrees from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

Martin said he suffered more from his shyness during his student days than he ever did because of anti-Indian discrimination.

"The fact of being shy and avoiding eye contact was never rewarded very much at American colleges and institutions," he said. "I've had to force myself to be more outgoing."

Martin taught sociology at

Haskell for two years, beginning in 1978. Early this year he served as interim president when Gipp was relieved of his duties.

Native American Press Association accepting articles

The Native American Press Association (NAPA) is now accepting articles, essays, and research papers by Native American writers, journalists and students concerning the state of Indian journalism.

Past, present and future perspectives on the state of Indian journalism will be accepted. Suggested article topics include but are not limited to, freedom of the press on Indian reservations, recruitment and retention of American Indian journalism students, Native American journalist and press responsibilities, the role of the press on Indian reservations, etc.

Final selections will be made in January 1990. Students and working professionals are encouraged to submit their articles or papers by December 31, 1989. Papers submitted will not be returned.

Please submit all papers to NAPA, Native American Journalism Annual, P. O. Box 1734, Boulder, CO 80306-1734.

BIA publishes new amendments on Indian loans

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has published amendments to the Code of Federal Regulations pursuant to the 1984 and 1988 amendments to the Indian Financing Act.

The published amendments affect subchapter G, parts 102 and 103 of the Code of Federal Regulations and include the following provisions:

(1) individual Indian people are deemed eligible to receive guaranteed and direct loans from the BIA even if that individual's tribe has a credit program,

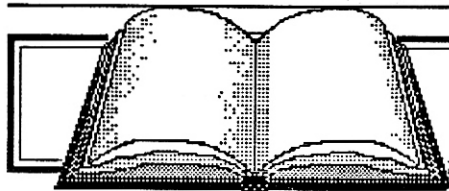
(2) the secretary is authorized to cancel loans without notifying Congress,

(3) the statutory limit for loan guarantees for individuals is increased from \$100,000 to \$500,000,

(4) a \$350,000 limit is established for direct loan to individuals,

(5) authority is granted to guarantee loans with variable interest rates

(6) the commissioner is required to ensure that the loan applicant has sufficient management and technical assistance available to prepare the application and administer the loan.



For the record...

Business Committee Minutes - August 23, 1989

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice Chairman Jim Young, Secretary Bob Davis, Committeeman Francis Levier, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Accounting Director Carolyn Sullivan, Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell.

Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair entertained a motion to approve the purchase of NARF Resource Publications for the Tribal Courts and the Tribal Archives in the amount of \$950.00. Motion made by Jim Young and seconded by John Barrett. Passed 5-0.

Four members of the Business Committee have been sued for action taken while acting in their capacity as members of the Committee. Chair made a motion to approve Resolution 90-28 requesting the tribal attorney to represent the four members of the Committee in the action in Tribal Court. Currently pending Case No. CIV 88-14-P. Motion made by John Barrett, seconded by Hilton Melot. Passed, 4 in favor, one opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve the July 26, 1989 committee minutes. Seconded by Jim Young. Passed 5-0.

Chair entertained a motion to approve a \$500 contribution to Disabled American Veterans Transportation Fund, Account Number 0176631 to assist in the purchase of a new car for VFW Post 474 for transportation of disabled American Veterans to the VA hospital in Oklahoma City. Motion made by Bob Davis, seconded by Francis Levier. Passed 5-0.

Chair entertained a motion to pre-register 3 members of the Business Committee to attend the NCAI Convention at the Sheraton Century Center in Oklahoma City October 2-6 at \$90 per person. Motion made by John Barrett, seconded by Francis Levier. Passed 5-0.

Francis Levier moved to approve Resolution #90-29 enrolling 29 descendant applications; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5-0.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #90-30 enrolling 27 descendant applications. Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5-0.

Jim Young moved to approve Resolution #90-31 enrolling 29 descendant applications. Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5-0.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #90-32 enrolling 30 descendant applications. Francis Levier seconded. Passed 5-0.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #90-33 enrolling 26 descendant applications. Jim Young seconded. Passed 5-0.

Francis Levier moved to approve Resolution #90-34 enrolling 25 descendant applications. Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5-0.

Bob Davis moved to approve resolution #90-35 enrolling 25 descendant applications. Francis Levier seconded. Passed 5-0.

Francis Levier moved to approve Resolution #90-36 with one correction enrolling 20 descendant applications. Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5-0.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #90-37 enrolling 24 descendant applications. Jim Young seconded. Passed 5-0.

Francis Levier moved to approve Resolution #90-38 enrolling 16 descendant applications. Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5-0.

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Jim Young moved to approve Resolution #90-39 enrolling 24 descendant applications. John Barrett seconded. Passed 5-0.

Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #90-40 enrolling 9 tribal members eligible for enrollment under previous blood quantum guidelines; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5-0.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #90-41 enrolling 22 descendant applications. Francis Levier seconded. Passed 5-0.

Francis Levier moved to approve Resolutions #90-42 through #90-47 reinstating 6 tribal members that were wrongfully removed from the rolls in 1976. Jim Young seconded. Passed 5-0.

Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #90-48 enrolling 17 descendant applications Jim Young seconded. Passed 5-0.

Francis Levier moved to approve Resolution #90-49 enrolling 18 descendant applications. John Barrett seconded. Passed 5-0.

Chair entertained a motion to deny payment to Mildred Flynn and Ruby Withrow based on the information contained in the Ed Herndon letter to the Citizen Band Business Committee. This decision finalizes the Mildred Flynn and Ruby Withrow appeal for a 1983 per capita payment. Motion made by John Barrett; seconded by Bob Davis. Passed 5-0.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #90-50 placing additional Training and Technical Assistance funds from the Shawnee Agency into the Tribal Court Contract budget. Jim Young seconded. Passed 5-0.

Chair entertained a motion to eliminate annual memberships effective April 1, 1990 and the green fees will be half price effective April 1, 1990 for those people 65 years of age and older and for those people 18 years of age and under. Motion made by Francis Levier and seconded by Jim Young. Passed 5-0.

Proposal made by Francis Levier that our compliance statement requested by Arthur Anderson and Company on behalf of the United States Department of the Interior relative to the audit summary of trust funds submitted to us be returned to the auditors unsigned because the records provided to us by the Bureau of Indian Affairs do not give us sufficient documentation to determine whether they are correct or not correct and that we have less faith in the Department of the Interior's capabilities than we do in Arthur Anderson and Company. We do not have a great deal of faith in the numbers that the BIA gave Arthur Anderson and Company. Motion made by Francis Levier; seconded by Hilton Melot. Passed 5-0.

Chair entertained a motion to inform the Board of Directors of First Oklahoma Bank that it is the intention of the Tribe to acquire a piece of property and construct an approximately 10,000 square foot bank building with a combined agreement in design and lay-out with the Board of Directors and Business Committee of the bank. Motion made by Hilton Melot; seconded by Francis Levier. Passed 5-0.

Business Committee went into Executive Session 9:30 p.m.

Potawatomi Word List

K

kad nid leg. pl. **nkadén** (H)
kadéngen ni braid. pl. **kadéngen** (H)
kadéngét vai braid hair. pres. **nde-kadéngé** (H)

M

majidagét vai take things. pres. **nmajidagé** (H)
majidot uti take s.t. pres. **nmajidon** (H),(W)
majit vai go away. pres. **nmaji** (H)
mak na loon. pl. **makok*** (W)
mamda av jo mamda not possible. (W)
mayos na cat. pl. **mayosek*** (W)
mbes ni lake. loc. **mbesek*** (W)
mbish ni water. loc. **mbishek*** (W)
mbop ni soup. loc. **mbopek*** (W)

N

na av emphatic. **Ni je na?** How are you? (W)
nabo ni drink. (H)
nadastot uti send for s.t. pres. **nnadaston*** (W)
nadwé na snake. dim. **nadwés** (H)
naken ni mat; rug. pl. **naknen*** (W)
nambyek av underwater. (H)
nbi ni water. (H)
nbat vai sleep; **wi-mbat** be sleepy. pres. **nneba*** (H),(W)
nbomgek vii die. pres. **nbomget** (H)
nbot vai die. pres. **nnep*** (H)
nbwakat vai be smart. pres. **nnebwaka** (H)
nbwakawen ni education, intelligence, scheme. pl. **nbwakawnen**

(H)

ne av yes-no question particle. (W)

O

o ni this. (H)
os nad father. pl. poss. **nosnan**, pl. poss. pl. **nosnanek**, poss. pret. **nosben** (H)

P

pedyébwen ni chair. pl. **pedyébwenen*** (W)
pe'wét vai run somewhere. pres. **nde-pe'wé** (H)
pe'at uta escape from s.o. pres. **nde-pe'a** (H)
pekwéshmowin ni pillow. pl. **pekwéshmowin*** (W)

S

sebabis ni thread. pl. **sebabisen*** (W)
sebojgen ni file. pl. **sebojgenen*** (W)
seksi na deer. pl. **seksik** (H),(W)
séma na tobacco. obv. **sémayen** (H),(W)
sémakét vai prepare tobacco. pres. **ndesémaké** (H),(W)

W

wab- pn white. **wab-gno** 'white eagle' (H)
wabdek vai see s.t. pres. **nwabdan** (H)
wabdewat vai see one another. pres. **nwabdemen** (H)
wabdezot vai see oneself. pres. **nwabdes** (H)
wabdiywat vai see one another. pres. **nwabdiymen** (H)
wabek vii be dawn. pres. **waben** (W)
wabgon ni squash. pl. **wabgonen*** (W)

The year: 1890

Letters and minutes from the last century

Washington, April 21, 1890

Samuel L. Patrick, Esq.
U. S. Indian Agent
Sac and Fox Agency
Indian Territory
Sir:

I enclose herewith, a paper purporting to be the minutes of the proceedings of a council of the Citizen band of Pottawatomie Indians, held October 23, 1889, by which it appears that Alexander B. Peltier and Davis Hardin, members of the said band of Indians, were authorized to appear before a judge of a court of record in Kansas and execute a power of attorney to Anthony Navarre for the prosecution by him on behalf of the said band of Indians, its claims against the Government arising out of certain treaty obligations; also a paper purporting to be the minutes of the proceedings of a council of the said Indians held December 9, 1889, authorizing Alexander B. Peltier and Alexander Rhodd to execute a power of attorney to the said Anthony Navarre, for the prosecution of their claims to an interest in the surplus lands of their reservation.

You will investigate these matters and report whether the councils referred to were properly called, whether a majority of the tribe were present in person or by representative and participating, and whether the minutes herewith, fairly and truthfully represent the transactions of those councils.

The enclosed papers should be returned to the files of this office.

Very respectfully,
T. J. Morgan
Commissioner

Washington, Nov. 24, 1894

Edward L. Thomas, Esq.,
U. S. Indian Agent
Sac and Fox Agency
Oklahoma Ter.
Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 23, 1894, submitting for approval the names of seven persons as the business committee of the Pottawatomies for the ensuing year, viz:

Stephen Negahnquet, Alexander B. Peltier, J. B. Pambago, John Anderson, Davis Hardin, Charles Rhodd, Joseph Moose

You are informed that said persons were approved November 20, 1894, by the Acting Secretary of the Interior, as a business committee for the Citizen band of Pottawatomie Indians for the ensuing year, under the rules and regulations approved by the Department September 14, 1894.

A copy of the letter of the Acting Secretary of the Interior, approving said business committee is herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
D. M. Browning
Commissioner

Washington, November 20, 1894

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Sir:

In accordance with your recommendation of the 19th instant, the following named persons, members of the Citizen band of Pottawatomies, are hereby approved as a Business Committee for the said Indians, for the ensuing year, under the rules and regulations of your office, approved by the Department on September 14th last, viz:

Stephen Negahnquet, Alexander B. Peltier, J. B. Pambago, John Anderson, Davis Hardin, Charles Rhodd, Joseph Moose

Very respectfully,
Wm. H. Sims
Acting Secretary

Witnesseth

That said Citizens Band of Pottawatomie Indians do hereby authorize and empower said J. E. Clardy to take any and all steps to present to and prosecute all claims of the said Citizens Band of Pottawatomie Indians for the shares more or less for lands and moneys fraudulently and wrongfully obtained by the Prairie Band of Pottawatomie Indians...

Sac and Fox Agency
Oklahoma Territory

I hereby certify that the parties executing the foregoing contract on behalf of the Citizen's Band of Pottawatomie Indians, were authorized to do so by a council of said Indians properly called at which a majority of said Indians were present and that their appointment and authorization meet with the approval of a majority of said band.

Samuel L. Patrick
U. S. Indian Agent

We the undersigned John Anderson, chairman and Joseph Moose secretary duly appointed as such by the Citizen's Band of Pottawatomie Indians by a vote in general council assembled do hereby certify as follows:

That at a general council of the Citizen's Band of the Pottawatomie Indians held at the residence of Joseph Moose in the Pottawatomie Reserve, Oklahoma Territory on the 2nd day of June A. D. 1891, relating to the appointment of J. E. Clardy of said Band to prosecute in the court of claims or before Congress or the Department for the share of lands and moneys and all other shares fraudulently obtained by the Prairie Band of Pottawatomie Indians in the enrollment, settlement or tribal division of funds or allotments between the two Bands in 1868 or any time since the following resolutions were adopted.

RESOLVED, That we employ an attorney or attorneys to prosecute the difference in the above matter of settlement in the court of claims or Congress or the Departments between the Citizen's Band and the Prairie Band and the United States under the clause of privilege given to the Citizen's Band by act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1891.

RESOLVED, That we employ J. E. Clardy to prosecute the above claim and verify all papers, employ assistance and we are paying him 10 percent of all moneys recovered.

RESOLVED, That we appoint a special committee of three to execute and delegate a power of attorney to J. E. Clardy for the above on behalf of the Citizen's Band of Pottawatomies.

C. L. Young nominated A. McLane, R. R. Bertrand and John McKinney to go before the court of Records or other proper officer to make the power of attorney to J. E. Clardy.

That at a general council of the Citizen's Band of Pottawatomie Indians in general council held at Sacred Heart Mission, O. T. on June 23rd, 1891, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, That the committee appointed to sign the contract between said Citizen's Band of Pottawatomie Indians and said J. E. Clardy will so form the contract as to bind J. E. Clardy to commence suit against the Prairie Band of Pottawatomie Indians within sixty days after the signing of the contract and authorize said J. D. Clardy to employ such assistance as he may deem necessary in the

prosecuting of said claims,

Secretary,
Joseph Moose
Chairman,
John Anderson

Sacred Heart Mission, Pottawatomie Reserve,
Oklahoma Territory

This agreement made and entered into this 24th day of June 1891, between Albert McLane, R. R. Bertrand and John McKinney a special committee elected at a general council of the Citizens Band of the Pottawatomie Indians assembled on the 2nd day of June 1891, to execute and delegate a power of attorney for and on behalf of said Band to J. E. Clardy

Witnesseth: - That said Citizens Band of Pottawatomie Indians do hereby authorize and empower said J. E. Clardy of said nation to prepare all papers and verify the same and to take any and all steps to present to and prosecute in the proper courts before the Departments of the United States of Congress all claims of the said Citizens Band of Pottawatomie Indians for the shares more or less for lands and moneys fraudulently and wrongfully obtained by the Prairie Band of Pottawatomie Indians by means of their fictitious names or in any other manner in the enrollment, division and settlement in 1888 and any time before or since that time, said suits to be instituted in the court of claims, the Departments or Congress by said J. E. Clardy in pursuance of an act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1891, granting said Citizens Band of Pottawatomie Indians the privilege of commencing such suits; said J. E. Clardy being herein empowered to do any and all acts and things requisite and necessary that we might do in the premises for such purpose including the verification of all papers or authorizing any person or persons to verify such papers, said suit to be commenced in the court of claims within sixty days from the date of this instrument. This contract for three years.

That said J. E. Clardy agrees to perform all necessary legal and proper service in the prosecution of said claims, with full power to procure and employ the assistance of any persons he may deem necessary. That in consideration of such services we authorize and empower the proper authorities of the United States to deduct ten percent from the amounts recovered on such claims and pay the same to said J. E. Clardy or his authorized agent.

Witness our hands and seals this 24th day of June 1891. Signed and sealed in presence of:

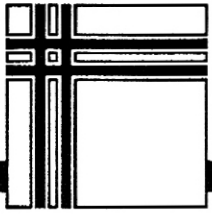
Albert McLane, R. R. Bertrand, John McKinney
Committee of the Citizens Band
of the Pottawatomie Indians
J. E. Clardy, Wesley Lewis, E. E. Hennessey

Territory of Oklahoma
County of Cleveland

Before me Frank P. Cruse Judge of the Probate court in and for said county and Territory, the same being a court of record personally came Albert McLane, R. R. Bertrand and John McKinney claiming to be a special committee elected at a general council of the Citizen's Band of Pottawatomie Indians assembled at Sacred Heart Mission, Oklahoma Territory on the 2nd day of June 1891 to execute the foregoing contract for and in behalf of said band with J. E. Clardy and also appeared the said J. E. Clardy, the interested parties thereto being the said Citizen's Band of Pottawatomie Indians and the said J. R. Clardy and said contract was made in person by the parties thereto.

Witness my hand and seal of said court this 11 day of August 1891.

Frank P. Cruse



TREATIES: *Ottawa treaty of 1816*

A treaty of Peace, Friendship, and Limits, made and concluded between Ninian Edwards, William Clark, and Auguste Chouteau, commissioners plenipotentiary of the United States of America, on the part and behalf of said states, of the one part, and the chiefs and warriors of the untied tribes of Ottawas, Chipawas, and Pottowotomees, residing on the Illinois and Melwackee rivers, and their waters, and on the southwestern part of Lake Michigan, of the other part.

WHEREAS a serious dispute has for some time past existed between the contracting parties relative to the right to a part of the lands ceded to the United States by the tribes of Sacs and Foxes, on the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and four, and both parties being desirous of preserving a harmonious and friendly intercourse, and of establishing permanent peace and friendship, have, for the purpose of removing all difficulties, agreed to the following terms:

ART. 1. The said chiefs and warriors, for themselves and the tribes they represent, agree to relinquish, and hereby do relinquish, to the United States, all their right, claim, and title, to all the land contained in the before-mentioned cession of the Sacs and Foxes, which lies south of a due west line from the southern extremity of Lake Michigan to the Mississippi river. And they moreover cede to the United States all the land contained within the following bounds, to wit: beginning on the left bank of the Fox river of Illinois, ten miles above the mouth of said Fox river; thence running so as to cross Sandy creek, ten miles above its mouth; thence, in a direct line, to a point ten miles north of the west end of the Portage, between Chicago creek, which empties into Lake Michigan, and the river Depleines, a fork of the Illinois; thence, in a direct line, to a point on Lake Michigan, ten miles northward of the mouth of Chicago creek; thence, along the lake, to a point ten miles southward of the mouth of the said Chicago creek; thence, in a direct line, to a point on the Kankakee, ten miles above its mouth; thence, with the said Kankakee and the Illinois river, to the mouth of Fox river, and thence to the beginning: *Provided, nevertheless, That the said tribes shall be permitted to hunt and fish within the limits of the land hereby relinquished and ceded, so long as it may continue to be the property of the United States.*

ART. 2. In consideration of the aforesaid relinquishment and cession, the United States have this day delivered to said tribes a considerable quantity of merchandise, and do agree to pay them, annually, for the term of twelve years, goods to the value of one thousand dollars, reckoning that value at the first cost of the goods in the city or place in which they shall be purchased, without any charge for transportation; which said goods shall be delivered to the said tribes at some place on the Illinois river, not lower down than Peoria. And the said United States do moreover agree to relinquish to the said tribes all the land contained in the aforesaid cession of the Sacs and Foxes, which lies north of a due west line, from the southern extremity of Lake Michigan to the Mississippi river, except three leagues square at the mouth of the Ouisconsin river, including both banks, and such other tracts, on or near to the Ouisconsin and Mississippi rivers, as the president of the United States may think proper to reserve: *Provided, That such other tracts shall not in the whole exceed the quantity that would be contained in five leagues square.*

ART. 3. The contracting parties, that peace and friendship may be permanent,

promise that in all things whatever, they will act with justice and correctness towards each other, and that they will, with perfect good faith, fulfill all the obligations imposed upon them by former treaties.

In witness whereof, the said Ninian Edwards, William Clark, and Auguste Chouteau, commissioners aforesaid, and the chiefs and warriors of the aforesaid tribes, have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals, this twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and of the independence of the United States, the forty-first.

Ninian Edwards, [L.S.]
 William Clark, [L.S.]
 Auguste Chouteau, [L.S.]
 Mucketypokee, or Black Partridge, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Sinnowchewone, by his brother Ignatius, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Mucketepennese, or Black Bird, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Bendegakewa, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Pemasaw, or Walker, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Ontawas, [L.S.]
 Nangesay, alias Stout, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Chamblee, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Cacake, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Shawanoe, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Wapunsy, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Cunnepepy, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Wonesee, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Richeikeming, or Lake, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Cabenaw, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Opaho, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Cowwesaut, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Chekinaka, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Macheweskeaway, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Spanquissee, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Ignatius, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Takaonene, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Ottawonce, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Tawwaning, or Trader, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Cashshakee, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Nigigwash, his x mark, [L.S.]
 Sheshebungge, [L.S.]
 Mowais, or Little Wolf, his x mark, [L.S.]

Done at St. Louis, in the presence of-
R. Wash, secretary to the commission,
R. Graham, Indian agent for the Territory of Illinois,
Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent,
J. Maul, lieutenant Eighth Regiment of Infantry,
P. Provenchere, interpreter of the commissioners,
Maurice Blondeaux, Indian agent,
John Ruland.

Bill introduced to create museum, return Indian remains

Washington, D. C. — A recent agreement by the Smithsonian Institution to return American Indian skeletal remains and grave goods to the tribes of their origin has been added to a House bill to establish a National Museum of the American Indian.

The compromise "really is light-years from where the Smithsonian started (on the remains issue) three years ago," said Suzan Harjo, executive director of National Congress of American Indians. "Most of the movement toward this agreement has taken place in the last two months."

Harjo, along with U. S. Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colo.) and Native American Rights Fund attorney Walter Echohawk, were instrumental in reaching the com-

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• Susan Harjo

promise with the museum.

Under the agreement, the Smithsonian will create a five-member commission that will include American Indian representatives, to inventory and identify its collection of skeletal remains and burial objects.

The legislation, which is expected

to move quickly through both houses of Congress, authorizes about \$2.25 million for the repatriation effort, to include \$1 million for the Smithsonian, \$1 million to the tribes, and the rest for administrative costs.

"Today, a process has started that will allow the ancestors of Native Americans to at last find their final resting place," said U. S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

Harjo said in a telephone interview that while Indian leaders welcomed the news, "this really isn't a time for clicking up our heels. Our victory here is for the right of Indian nations to bury their dead, so the feeling is more like a funeral. It's a very solemn occasion."

"Everyone who has been touched by this (effort) has learned a lot," she said. "I feel privileged to be one of the Great Spirit's instruments at this time."

The advancement of the plan to create a National Museum of the American Indian was, however, a reason to celebrate, she said. Construction of the museum is planned for the Capitol mall, between the Air and Space Museum and the Botanical Gardens.

A search committee has been formed to identify a director for the museum, Harjo said. Meanwhile, she has begun talking with tribal leaders about the possibility of establishing an Indian encampment on the museum site in recognition of the 20th anniversary of Earth Day next April.



A Potawatomi welcome to these new enrollees!

The following are new enrollees who have been approved under the descendency plan since information was provided for the September edition of the HowNiKan.

-A-

Adams, James Scott
Adams, Mark Todd
Adams, Michael Eugene
Aldridge, James L.
Allen, Dustin Robert
Anderson, Dennis Wayne
Anderson, Leonard Russell

-B-

Bailey, Amanda Jill
Bailey, Jennifer Louise
Bailey, Scott Douglas
Baird, Jacob Andrew
Baird, Kellie J.
Baker, Robin Renee Pappan
Bauer, Melinda Kay Swan
Baxter, Michael Thomas
Baxter, Robert Patrick
Beauchamp, John Richard
Lloyd
Beckham, Kenneth Wesley
Beckham, Michelle Lea
Beene, Blaine Ashley
Beene, Brandon Heath
Bennett, Brandii Nicole
Bennett, Bryttanii Tenille
Bennett, Jeremy Shane
Blevins, Rodney Eugene
Bomhoff, Denise Ann
Bomhoff, Lisa Dawn
Bomhoff, Melissa Gayle
Bomhoff, Teresa Lynn
Bonar, Melissa Nicole
Bonar, Jaymes Patrick
Bonar, Patricia Sue
Bohuslavicky
Bonde, Nicole Rice
Bost, Katherine Allyn
Bourbonnais, Jason Wilson
Branch, Adam Daniel
Branch, Charlie Dewayne
Branch, Christopher Darren
BrazEAU, Darla Marlene Boland
Bressman, Bradley Stuart
Brewer Allen McMann
Brewer Travis Wayne
Brunt, Marcus Wilton
Burnett, Amanda Michelle
Burnett, Michael Ty
Bussard, Cheri Michelle
Bussard, Giulia Linda
Bussard, William Gates

-C-

Carr, Steven Ray
Cartwright, Christopher Robert
Cartwright, Joseph Franklin
Cartwright, Melanie Paige
Cartwright, Robert Gregory
Cason, Patricia Dale
Cason, Steven Gene
Castle, Shannon Marie
Chance, Jack McCall
Christmas, Eric Joseph
Christmas, Natalie Brooke
Clark, Karen Elaine Bressman
Cleveland, Bryan Scott
Cleveland, Lori Alene
Copeland Aaron Lee
Copeland, Elizabeth Sue
Cottman, Deborah Diane
Cottman, Dorinda Carol
Cheatwood
Cottman, Jay Eugene
Cottrell, Cassidy Rose

-D-

Davis, Mollie Maxine
Davis, William Charles

We're glad to have you!

These "new" Potawatomis have been enrolled in our tribe since the last edition of the HowNiKan went to press. Members of the business committee and staff join thousands of other Tribal members in issuing a heartfelt welcome. We're pleased that you finally can claim your great heritage!

Detlefsen, Laura Ann
Devader, Ranae Louise
Dunn, Anthony James
Dunn, Christopher Scott
Dunn, William Josiah, IV

-E-

Edmondson, Stephen Delaine
Eisman, Frederick Lynn, Jr.
Ellis, Shane Michael
Elms, Allyson Michelle
Elms, Brandon David
Engel, Amy Lynn
Engel, Angela Lee
Engel, Brett Aaron
Engel, Marcie Ann
Engel, Nikki Marie

-F-

Farrell, Tamra Lynn Yeager
Fox, Danny Dewayne
Fox, Justin Glen
Fox, William Bruce
Francis, William Clayton

-G-

Gamble, Jackie Wayne
Gamble, LaChrisa Lynn
Gonzales, Agustin Joseph
Gonzales, Angelina Maria
Gonzales, Marie Lindsey
Grady, Michael Ray
Green, Gregory James
Greenwalt, Roger Benson

-H-

Haces, Carl H.
Hagerman Ashleigh Nicole
Hagerman, April Renae
Hagerman, Dustin Don
Hagerman, Justin Lee
Haltom, Clayton Hunter
Haltom, Cody Lee
Hanks, Lori Ann
Harcksen, Eric James
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Report puts uninvested Potawatomi trust funds at nearly \$3 million

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trust funds has been to not disclose the losses." Instead they waited for a claim or lawsuit to be filed. Richards said in an interview that this seldom happened because no one realized the money was missing.

Herndon, who spent many years working for the BIA before coming to work for the tribe, has the advantage of understanding the system — or lack of it. He quickly checked the printouts provided to the tribe monthly by the BIA on "Moneymax Portfolio Statistics." And he found a problem. He quickly wrote a letter to Bob Jones, area finance officer at the BIA's Anadarko area office.

Here's what it said:

"Dear Mr. Jones:

"I'm enclosing a copy of a recent article from the *Shawnee News-Star*

and refer you to the last paragraph where it mentions loss of revenue due to uninvested funds. I am also enclosing a page from the August 1989 Moneymax Report and a page from the September 1989 Moneymax Report. I have highlighted the dollar figure invested at the end of August, \$5,704,550.82 and the amount invested at the end of September, \$2,709,878.86. This means that \$2,994,671.96 was uninvested. At 9% interest this means approximately \$22,000 was lost, if the money was uninvested for a month.

"While with the BIA I was Investment Coordinator for the five tribes of the Shawnee Area for 12 years. As such I saw millions, not thousands showing up uninvested. I would challenge anyone to show me the last time tribal money from this

one area did not show to be uninvested. In my former position I made numerous inquiries why this is allowed to happen and it is still hard to believe the number of excuses and explanations I got.

"I realize you, as Area Finance Personnel, only recommend terms of investments but I am making a request to you. I would like to have an official response to this correspondence, either from the Area Office level or preferably Finance in Albuquerque. I am anxious to hear one more explanation of why these allegations are untrue and that a considerable amount of interest money for the Citizen Band Potawatomi has not been lost.

Sincerely,

Edward W. Herndon
Contract Officer"

Most of the tribe's trust funds are

invested in certificates of deposit as various banking institutions throughout the country, according to the printouts. They draw interest rates ranging from a low of 9.1 percent up to 10.5 percent, at banks and savings and loans in Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, California, New Hampshire, New York, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Arizona and New Mexico. Apparently some of the certificates matured after the August report was prepared and were not immediately "rolled over" or reinvested.

Herndon points out that the money is not "missing" — the tribe simply lost the interest income it would have had if the funds had been reinvested promptly. He plans to keep a close eye on the investment reports and the tribe's money while awaiting a reply from the BIA.

What benefits are available to Tribal members?

QUESTION: What benefits do I get from being a Tribal member?

ANSWER: Benefits fall in two categories. Most benefits apply to all members, but a few apply only to those who were on the rolls before the recent descendancy constitutional amendment.

Benefits to all members

1. BIA Education Scholarships: Must apply at financial aid departments at the college or university you apply to. Same financial qualifications as Pell grants, must fill out financial aid forms. Tied to personal or, in the case of minors or students living at home, parents' income. Forms are then passed on to the BIA. May cover tuition, books, room, board, expenses — all or some of them depending on the recommendation of the financial aid office at university, subject to BIA agency level approval and funds availability.

2. BIA vocational training: Same as above.

3. BIA Emergency Welfare Aid: Discretionary fund at the agency level. In-transit aid, fire in the home, dire emergency fund.

4. The "Indian Business Financing Act": Congressionally funded program to assist existing or new Indian owned businesses. Must

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apply to the BIA agency credit officer. The business must be on or near a reservation or predominantly Indian community, or provide significant Indian employment or financial impact on an Indian community. Two kinds of loans: 90% loan guarantees to commercial banks and direct loans from the BIA. Minimum equity: 20%. Loan guarantees can also carry interest subsidies: BIA will make up the difference between the bank loan rate and prime plus ½%. Loan package assistance available through the tribal office.

5. State Taxation Exemption: Indian businesses who are located on trust land within our reservation boundary are exempt from state taxation (except oil wells).

6. The "Small Disadvantaged Business" Program: Dept. of Defense will award and "set-aside" business for Indian-owned busi-

nesses located anywhere if they bid within 10% of the non-minority owned large business price. Contact the contracting officer for the commodity or service you provide. Best source of information is Linda Capps at Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech School in Shawnee, the Minority Bid Assistance Office. Or see the Commerce Business Daily or the Small Business Development Office at the local defense department installation.

7. The Small Business Administration "8a" program: Very difficult for the Indians to get in Oklahoma and Texas because favoritism towards black and Hispanic people, but possible in other areas. Government business guaranteed to qualified suppliers. See local SBA office.

Remember, when profits from tribal enterprises exceed debt and tribal services obligations by \$100 per member, per capita payments will be made.

Some benefits are available only to members enrolled prior to the constitutional change:

1. Scholarships and Health Aids (see Hilton Melot or Bob Davis for details) Application forms are available from Mary Farrell.